

OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

I regret to learn that Mr. Visetti's untimely death has been considerably disturbed of late owing to the withdrawal of Count Franchi-Varney from the scheme. Mr. Visetti has, however, obtained a hearing from the directors of the Academy of St. Cecilia, and there is little doubt that the festival will be held. Whether it is or is not, there can only be admiration and gratitude awarded to Mr. Visetti for his enthusiastic efforts in the cause of British music.

According to arrangements up to date, the Royal opera season at Covent Garden will commence on May 10 with the French version of "Tannhauser," including the new Venetian music written for it. M. Val Dyck and Mme. Emma Eames will impersonate the characters of Tannhauser and Elizabeth. M. Jean de Reszke does not come to London until nearly the end of May. The eminent Polish tenor was married a day before starting on his American tour, but, owing to his bride's fear of mal de mer, she did not accompany him, and they, therefore, propose to enjoy a short honeymoon on his return.

A private hearing of the new opera, "Dionis," composed by Mr. Hamish McCunn to a libretto by the Marquis of Lorne, gives promise that the work will meet with the public favour when it is produced. One of the most successful pieces is likely to be "The Cherry and the Kowman," which has charming music, set to dainty lines, and is altogether a captivating selection.

Prof. Bridge has written a cantata to the words of Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "The Flag of England," which work, as its name implies, is in honour of the Diamond Jubilee. It will be produced at one of the Royal Choral Society's concerts, with Mme. Albani as soloist, the rest of the music being choral.

Nothing but approval can be given to the scheme to be started next month by the Guildhall School of Music to hold an orchestral class on Monday evenings for the benefit of young men and women occupied during the day in the City. I regret, though, to hear that it is rumoured that a reduction of the fees is imminent in order to meet the expense of building enlargements, caused by the enormous increase in the number of pupils.

An enterprise has been started in Paris entitled "Société Internationale de Musique." Mr. Henry Mapleson is president, and his idea is to give a series of concerts of British music, under British composers, in the French capital. The London representative of the undertaking is the indefatigable Mr. Vert.

The first Mottel concert takes place at the Queen's Hall on Tuesday evening. I see that the conductor of the orchestra has been engaged by Mme. Wagner to conduct all the "Parsifal" performances at Bayreuth in the summer.

Lieut. Dan Godfrey was presented on Monday with a magnificent antique sword for his services in the period of George II. and George III. This valuable offering had been subscribed for by officers, past and present, in the Brigade of Guards, as a mark of their esteem for the famous bandmaster during 40 years loyalty and devotion to work.

The distinguished oratorio and concert contralto, Mme. Enriquez, has been meeting with great success in the West of England, where she has been fulfilling numerous engagements.

Instrumentalists, as usual, figure largely in the Philharmonic Society's prospectus. The list of vocalists is not so numerous. I notice that the name of Mme. Adeline Patti has not appeared lately in the venerable society's announcements. Why is this, I wonder?

I note that the editorial chair of the "Musical Times" is vacated by Mr. E. F. Jacques owing to great pressure of other literary and critical work. Mr. Jacques is succeeded by Mr. F. G. Edwards, author of "The History of Mendelssohn's Elijah," and an authority on musical matters.

Mr. Plunket Greene has sailed for the United States on a professional tour. The popular baritone returns to England at the beginning of June.

St. Patrick's Day will be duly honoured on Wednesday by the customary Irish concerts at the Royal Albert and Queen's Halls. At both places popular vocalists, selections, and prices, will prevail.

Many musicians will regret to learn that the earnest body of young musicians, calling themselves the Musical Guild, are compelled to give up their chamber concert series for the present, as it is now being given at the Kensington Town Hall at the end of the present season for want of adequate support.

Herr Willy Burmeister concluded his provincial tour last week at Huddersfield. He now proceeds to Brussels for some special concerts, and thence to Germany, whence he will return to England for the season.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Magpies, jackdaws, and jays are birds frequently kept in confinement, not for their song or because they are particularly handsome in a cage, but because they have such very amusing ways and become so tame and confiding in their manner. They are most interesting pets, but sometimes they turn out to be so excessively mischievous that they become great pests, and for the time being create much displeasure. Many are the stories that can be told of the aggravating tricks performed by them, but their cunning looks and laughing-up-their-sleeve manner at the person displeased compels one to refrain from carrying out one's impulse and to forgive them their wickedness.

All sorts of food are readily eaten by any of these birds, and they are hardy and remain healthy in captivity if given a good deal of liberty. A good mixture is barley meal, escape from the table, pieces of raw meat, grain, and potato mixed with milk. They are a very unsightly bird or a young mouse. They have a great predilection for water, and any large tanks or tubs containing water within reach of the birds should be covered or they will almost assuredly get in and drown themselves. I have had to mourn the loss of many of my cor-

vine pets by this means. I might here mention that many people have a notion that the tongues of these birds should be slit to make them talk. It is almost needless to say that a perfect tongue is of greater advantage than a mutilated one, and that the idea is an absurd one.

The subject of our sketch is the hybrid antelope, between the male pleasant antelope and a female Speke's antelope, which was born in the Zoological Gardens on Feb. 23. This is



HYBRID ANTELOPE.

the second hybrid between the same animals, the former being born in the Gardens just a year ago. The young animal bears a greater resemblance to its male parent than to its mother, being of a reddish colour and striped and spotted with white. The Speke's antelope, the mother of the present young one, was presented to the society in October, 1890, and is the first and only example that has reached Europe alive. It has exceedingly elongated horns, which are an adaptation to its mode of life in marshy grounds. Were these small and sharp, as in other antelopes, progression through the mud would be difficult on account of the depth they would sink in. The animal is hardly able to move on a hard surface, consequently its compartment in the garden is covered with soft material. The pleasant antelope—the male parent—was received at the gardens in 1894, and only one specimen of it had been previously exhibited there, viz. in 1890.

One of the most curious looking members of the bird tribe is the penguin, and the group of the different species of this bird in the Natural History Museum makes a very quaint and attractive exhibit. Penguins have short legs and a short tail, and walk, or rather waddle, in an erect position. Their wings are unlike those of other birds, for being used for flight in the water, instead of in the air, they are adapted to that purpose, and are transformed into a sort of paddle. They mostly swim under water, and their whole body is seldom seen on the surface, when they come up for breath only the head and neck are visible. In the moulting season penguins repair to land, and do not visit the sea, but before the moult and previous to their leaving the sea, they gorge themselves with food, which consists exclusively of fish, and consequently become exceedingly fat, and moult during the period of moulting.

Penguins have many foes, but ungainly and clumsy as they appear on land they are remarkably quick and agile in the water, and hold their own against attacks fairly well. The moulting and breeding seasons, when they come on land, are the times when their natural foes, as well as their human ones, persecute them. The former consist of manna, both terrestrial and marine, and birds of prey, which seize upon them to the extent of their eggs and young. The Antarctic seas are the home of the penguins, and in the breeding season they are a source of great revenue. They resort to the islands in tens of thousands, and lay their eggs on the bare ground. These are collected and sold for food at different places, and sold for food at 2d. apiece. The guano industry, too, in which the birds are an important factor, also brings in many thousands of pounds annually.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending March 9 include a viperine snake, 11 scorpion mud-turtles, a common otter, 2 chipping squirrels, a yellow-cheeked amazon, a Salie's amazon, 2 Egyptian jerboas, 2 Crested porcupines, a Cinnamon snake, 12 Egyptian eels (snakes), 2 hissing sand-snakes, 9 Egyptian cobras, 2 secretary vultures, 2 sacred ibises, 2 snakes (new to the collection), a herring gull, and a lesser black-backed gull.

THE ACTOR.

I gather that Mr. Edgar Pemberton's "Henry Esmond," produced at Birmingham the other day, made a success. Mr. Edward Compton could, no doubt, be a brilliant and engaging actor, and as Lady Castlemore, Mrs. Compton would be refined and pleasing. In Miss Gertrude Scott Mr. Compton appears to have a very promising "juvenile lead," whose Beatrix has evidently pleased both the public and the critics. It is to be hoped that one of our suburban managers will arrange with the Compton company to bring "Henry Esmond" to us at no distant date.

The next notable premiere in town will be that of "The Princess and the Butterfly." Once more Mr. Pinero has indulged in a long list of personae, necessitating numerous additions to the St. James's troupe. I am glad to see Mr. Alexander has brought Miss Eleanor Aikin to the West-end again; we are not at all too rich in comedians of her calibre. Mr. Leclercq, Miss Granville, and Miss Pattie Bell will be welcomed back to this theatre, where they have already earned laurels. But where there are many parts in a play few of them, presumably, can be very prominent.

It is a pity that Mr. Alexander has fixed upon the 25th inst. for this premiere, for I do not think the London critics would have liked to go down to Birmingham that day, to witness the first performance of "The Alchemist" by the Haymarket company. Of course Miss Emery and her colleagues will have to figure at the Haymarket in the evening, but, somehow, I think it is more fatiguing to see two plays than to take part in them! Moreover, why could not "The Alchemist" have been produced at the London matinee, instead of in a country theatre? Echo answers "Why?"

Of late years the titles of plays have been drawn largely from professions, trades, and other occupations, as well as from fuller positions and dignities. Thus, we have had "The Doctor," "The Linen Draper," "The Butler,"

and a hundred such. Robertson gave us "The Cabinet Minister," "The County Councillor," "The Alderman," "The Don," and so forth. Now, I see, we are to have "The J.P.," who will make his bow at Yarmouth towards the end of the month. In time, of course, this source of title-making will get exhausted, and then I suppose the playwrights will go on another tack for a time.

In "The Physician" at the Criterion Mr. Alfred Bishop will represent a clergyman for a change. The "Jeune premiere" of the piece will be Mr. T. B. Thälberg, who will be remembered as having acted in "The Bride of Love" and "Clarissa," and, more lately, in the Robespierre play at Drury Lane. Mr. Thälberg, whose real surname is Corbett, hails from the Midlands, and is a very promising young actor. He will play Marion Terry, who will be very welcome, and who, I presume, will play "lead." Miss Mary Moore undertakes on this occasion the juvenile heroine. The cast is altogether good.

Mr. Fred Horner, who has been somewhat seriously ill, is happily about again, and accordingly "On Leave" is now being rehearsed at Terry's. This is an adaptation of "Le Surin," a past-master. Mr. Horner will play the part of the Count, and Miss Clara Jinks, who, in the Strand, will have her foot once more (in a theatrical sense) on her native soil. Miss May Palliser will come, along from "The Prodigal Father," and Miss Esme Beringer will return to the congenial paths of comedy.

Mr. F. R. Benson is to revive "Henry V." during the Shakespeare week at Stratford-on-Avon. What by the way, has become of Mr. Albery's intended intention to revive this play? I hope he will soon carry out the notion, for it is long since the piece was seen in London.

OLD IZAAK.

The Thames coarse fishing season closes after to-day (Sunday, 14th), and does not reopen until June 16. The Lea also closes for jack and perch, but remains open for roach fishing throughout the month.

Most rivers have been quite out of order for angling, and the prospect of a successful closing day now seems rather remote. The Thames, however, is all drawn, there is a strong stream, and the water is thick. Very little has been done during the week in the way of fishing, and beyond some takes of jack, perch, roach, and dace of an ordinary character by Johnson and Knight, at Kingston, there is nothing to record.

Very little has been done in the Lea or Arun. Mr. H. Patman scored on Sunday last at the Bermondsey Brothers, with 10lb. of roach from an ordinary fishing, and a good jack has also come to grief at Barton Broad, a water to which I have drawn attention in previous notes.

The Piscatorial Society had a capital meeting at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday last, under the able chairmanship of Capt. Graham Gordon, when Mr. E. Foreman read an extremely entertaining paper detailing some of his salmon fishing experiences on various rivers during the past 12 years. Mr. Foreman's best fish, taken in the Tay, weighed 37lb. An interesting discussion followed, and a very hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Foreman and the chairman at the close.

The old Silver Trout Anglers are coming to the front again, and in spite of the weather manage to secure some splendid shows of fish. At their meeting on Tuesday, Mr. Abrahams had a fine display of jack and roach, weighing exactly 1 cwt. in all. The largest jack scaled just under 10lb., and the roach from 6lb. to 9lb. each. Mr. Woolton at a previous meeting weighed in a perch of 1lb. 10oz., and Messrs. Massey and Duckworth showed trays of roach, scaling together 9lb. and 13lb. respectively. The society has recently acquired the magnificent carp, caught by the late John Kelly, and it is now properly adorned their excellent club-room, with the rest of their collection at the Bedford Head, Covent Garden.

The Preservation Societies are all well on the alert, with a view to do what is possible to protect the fish and the spawn (especially the perch spawn) during the next two or three months. The swans and ducks devote their vast quantities, and it is devoutly to be hoped they will be taken care of. The Society for the Protection of the Spawners is very active. The Henley Association are covering some of the boughs in their district, as far as practicable, with wire netting, and doing their utmost to cope with the mischief likely otherwise to be wrought. The Thames is capable of affording abundance of fish, and it is to be hoped that the powers that be, ought not to be sought in vain.

The concert held last week by the Great Northern Brothers proved a most successful gathering, and a large number of good old anglers attended to mark their respect for Mr. John Trowbridge, on whose behalf the entertainment was organised. Mr. Joseph Jennings was ably supported as chairman, and it is pleasing to know that £12 7s. 6d. was handed to Mr. Trowbridge in consequence, of which £11 16s. 6d. was collected in the room. Mr. Trowbridge gratefully thanked his many friends before the evening closed.

Talking of the Great Northern Brothers reminds me they had a good show of fish at their last meeting, over 4lb. of roach and rudd gracing the trays. "Johnny Osborne" had nearly 20lb. of rudd, and Messrs. Mogg, H. Watling, and others contributed to the display.

The Blackfriars Anglers, meeting at the Winchester Arms, Southwark-st., S.E., had an excellent gathering at their central "visit" on Tuesday last, when 19 clubs were represented. The Grange Anglers also had a capital company at their smoking concert held in the same evening at the Earl of Derby, Grange-rd., S.E., and a considerable addition was made to the Thames Angling Preservation box in consequence.

The British Sea Anglers held their annual meeting last week at the Can-

non-st. Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. T. F. Barrow. The society now numbers about 750 members, and is in a most flourishing condition. Their annual dinner comes off on Wednesday, 17th inst., when Mr. Gerald Goughan will occupy the chair. Mr. Henry Ball and his committee may well be congratulated upon the present state of affairs, and I am not surprised to hear that Mr. Ball's work is likely soon to meet with tangible recognition.

The annual competition organised by the National Association of angling clubs comes off at Loch Leven, as hitherto, on the last Wednesday in June, and among the competitors will be representatives of the Scotch Angling Society and the Great Ouse Angling Society, in addition to winning what is considered by most anglers the blue ribbon of the year.

A correspondent is anxious to know how to dress a line. "John Bickerdyke" recommends rubbing the line with a cake made of pure paraffin wax, and deer or mutton kidney suet in equal parts, but this dressing requires to be from time to time renewed. Another method is to steep the line for some days in boiled linseed oil, which has been added; repeating the operation when the line is thoroughly dry. Nothing equals a line dressed by soaking it well in raw linseed oil, but the length of time it takes in drying would be with most anglers an objection. Whatever dressing is used, let it be used cold, and always take care to dry the line well after a day's fishing.

GENERAL CHATTER.

The latest edition of "Burdett's Official Intelligence" shows that since the Queen ascended the throne the National Debt has been reduced by more than £200,000,000. At the present time, a grateful memorial of the longest reign, especially when it is remembered that all other European States have enormously increased their indebtedness. But should it not be a source of something even more important than our financial supremacy? When we grumble at the present rate of taxation, we should remember that 60 years ago the National Debt pressed much more heavily on the population, per head, and yet there was little cavilling at the squeeze.

The House of Commons knows, it is clear, how to appreciate those who add to its reputation as a legislative assembly. No sooner was it proposed to place a bust of the late Lord Randolph Churchill in the precincts of the House than a resolution was passed in favour of the proposal. It is all right to pay honour to the memory of the daring young statesman whose meteoric career came to an end all too soon. At one time or another, he wrestled with all the party leaders, and threw most of them out of making the slightest account of the heavy falls he himself received. Yet these memories of sharp antagonism are thrust away and consigned to oblivion by common consent.

Among the innumerable proposals to commemorate the longest reign, it is suggested by a poor clerk's widow down in Warwickshire that a fund should be raised to supply pensions to the class to which she belongs. At 60 years of age, she finds herself closely approaching absolute destitution. The smallest amount of pension, even a small sum to go on with, being all she has been able to save out of her scanty salary. That is nearly gone, and the workhouse looms before her old age. It is a hard case, but the main fault lies with the husband and not with the wife. If he left her, or will not, afford to do so, that he has no right to take a wife, and any woman who is so foolish as to marry him must put up with the consequences.

Youths who have heretofore been kept out of the Army by physical deficiencies, can now gratify their martial longings, thanks to the benevolence of the War Office. Recruits being difficult to obtain, the standard has been reduced to a height of 5ft. 3in., and the slightest deficiency in height is provided that the medical men consider there is a reasonable chance of growth. The applicant has also to state that he is under 20 years of age, but a little mistake in calculation would get over that difficulty. It appears to me that the next step will be to recruit the British numbers and to let the recruits be taken in at elementary schools; plenty of baby soldiers could, no doubt, be obtained in that way.

Sheffield is a highly prosperous city, but I was not aware that its inhabitants had become so wealthy as to chuck about cured hams in the street. Nor do I believe it now, although a local dame asserted the other day at the police court that she took over a fine ham from her little boy, without the slightest suspicion of its being a time-rotted public-house. A driving of that sort would do Oom Paul a world of good.

It is funny to remember that old Kruger was, not very long ago, pressed almost obsequiously to honour England with a personal visit. There was, indeed, some talk of providing a man of war for the illustrious Dopper's conveyance to our shores. What the highest honour would get if he came over now! Something of the same sort, I fancy, as was accorded to Marshal Haynau by Barclay and Perkins' draymen. Whip in hand, they hunted him along Bankside until he found refuge in a dust-bin behind a grimy receptacle of refuse. A driving of that sort would do Oom Paul a world of good.

I am requested by a correspondent to publish the following very hard case, which is a voucher for the accuracy of the facts set forth:—"An subordinate clerk in St. Martin's-le-Grand, through whose hands thousands of pounds passed, requiring the large sum of 30s. in cash, drew a private cheque, which was cashed at another office; he having ample funds to his credit at the time. Through a family bereavement a friend failed to pay in to this official private bank a further sum which he had undertaken to do the same day. Relying on this promise, a further cheque was drawn. Nor was it until some days later that the non-payment of the promise was unpleasantly discovered by the drawer of the cheque, who was carpeted by his chief and confronted with the cheque

returned by the bank. The explanation was given, the money was immediately paid, and regret expressed; but the subordinate official was dismissed, called upon to resign, and declining to do so, he was dismissed for some 23 years, without even the service, after serving the public pension he had earned."

With a little military training and different equipment, the mounted police would make an excellent auxiliary force to co-operate with the auxiliary troops in beating back an invader. Good riders, well mounted, and of fine physique, they would be just the lads to fill that gap in the militia and Volunteers being wholly composed of infantry. I make very little account of the Yeomanry Cavalry; it is a vanishing force, almost every year bringing some reduction of its numerical strength. The mounted police, on the contrary, steadily increase, both in numbers and efficiency.

Except in a very few instances, the shop assistant is still forbidden to sit down during hours of toil. This does not much matter in the case of men; after all, they are no worse off in that respect than bus and tram conductors. But it always rubs me up the wrong way when I hear of young women being kept on their feet, with out any real excuse, from early in the morning till late at night. Of course, they should stand when serving customers, but at other times they might well be allowed to rest their aching limbs.

WILL WORKMAN.

I hope some, at least, of our Radical friends, who have been so hard at work lately denouncing the new Truck Act, read the report of a case that came before the Linton Petty Sessions last week. It was a charge against a clothier, who is also a grocer, of failing to pay 6 women in his employ wages in current coin, for making garments. The evidence proved that the women dealt at their employer's shop, and the value of the groceries was deducted from their wages.

The magistrates convicted, and stated that, in their opinion, the system was bad, and indicted a fine, which, with costs, amounted to £14 4s. and that such a case as the new Truck Act was intended to stop.

I often think it would be a good thing if we had more women factory and sanitary inspectors. It often happens in mantle, or jam and pickle, or pen factories, as well as in cotton or woollen mills, &c., where large numbers of women and girls are employed, that there are grievances which they would bring before one of their own sex, but which they would not think of complaining about to a male inspector, as they are in the case of a railway or deficient sanitary arrangements.

It appears to me that the ways of some trades union leaders are a little bit "dark." For instance, a little while ago I was out one night in the House discussing the question of allowing railway men to establish savings banks for the benefit of the men. It was admitted, even by the opponents of the scheme, that the security was as good as console—the interest 4 per cent.—and the men pleased themselves whether they invested or not, and the money could be drawn out at 7 days notice.

Now, one would have thought that it would have taxed the ingenuity of even the most advanced Radical to find any fault with such an idea, but, anyhow, some of them were clever enough to do it. One of the reasons they gave for it was, because it might, in some unknown way or other, give the masters what they called a handle against the men, and besides that, it would limit the latter in their discretion as to how they might use the money. I wonder if any of these clever people can tell the working man of any other way in which he can invest his savings, and yet get a safe 4 per cent. interest.

Of course, the old, old story was told again. It was, as a very prominent labour leader informed the House, "simply an attempt to seduce the men from trades unionism." But why a man should be any less a trades unionist because he has got a little money saved up is a mystery to me. I should have thought that the more money he had got of his own the more independent he would be of his employer, and the more ready to come out when his trades union officials ordered him to strike.

The best news I have heard for some time is that the Queen will come over on our side of the river on Jubilee Day. It will give thousands a chance to see her that could never see her in any other way; simply because they never have any clothes fit to go out in. Any woman who has got to go out in a bonnet, a hat, or a shawl or jacket, or anything of the kind, consequently they never think of going to see processions or anything else, but when one comes through the Borough and up Westminster Bridge-rd., and sees the Queen, it is like seeing a new world. It will be like seeing a new world of their own—a picnic, so to speak, in your own street.

MR. WHEELER.

The last of the Ripley Road Menders' supper for the year takes place next Saturday, at the Anchor, Ripley. Those with charitable souls who cycle along the Portsmouth Road would do well to contribute their mite to this fund, while there is yet time. The Bath Road Club, and Mr. A. L. Bauer in particular, are to be congratulated upon their most successful efforts at the previous merry evenings which have been spent among the road menders. There is a touch of Frobenius in the work of the wheelers, which is not to be found among followers of any other pastime, and this institution of regaling the weary toilers who mend and patch the surface of the cyclists' classic highway is an example of it.

The majority of cyclists will tell you that the safest way to ensure a rainy day is to detach the mud-guards from your machine over night. I remember once, after a long spell of dry weather, deciding to take a metal gear case off a tandem (drain riders will appreciate the point). Sure enough next morning the sky was overclouded, and a wet week set in. On the other hand, take precautions, and they will be found unnecessary. The other day I heard of a certain rider who had attended an inter-club smoking concert, where he had toasted his clubmates and his friends—and, to be plain, had quaffed his cup, not

wisely, but otherwise. How he managed to ride home history does not relate, but when he reached his domicile, in his anxiety to rest his weary head upon the pillow, he omitted to bring his bicycle indoors. There it rested all night through against the pailings. In the morning it was safe and sound, and glittered in the sunlight. No one had touched it was insured against accident and theft.

Still I am receiving letters upon the subject of Easter touring, and again I must suggest that it is too early yet to fix upon a route to lay down rules in the matter of machines and suitable baggage. With regard to the latter, everyone who can content themselves with the smallest of small brown paper parcels, tied with a piece of string to the handle-bar. I may add I have seen men start upon a week's tour with no further equipment than a toothbrush and a toilet outfit. Everyone to his taste, however. Perhaps this mania for saving of lightness is not more to be pitied than he who goes forth upon a bicycle fitted like a Christmas tree, and weighted down with every kind of luggage-carrier yet invented.

In answer to an invitation to a day's coursing, I journeyed by train and bicycle to Basingstoke last week. I found the ride most delightful, and Basingstoke reached the quaint old town, immortalised by the Savoy opera, "Ruddigore." I found the party had already started for the hills. One hears so much of the usefulness of the bicycle for every possible purpose that it seemed most reasonable to expect my machine would aid me in enjoying a better view of the day's sport. A long, weary climb took me up on the downs, where I wandered over some six or seven miles of road before sighting the pink-clothed judge. I must confess a bicycle is not very great use in plough and stubble, but once or twice I was able to slip down a by-lane and get a view of the finish of a long course, when no one else was up. At the end of the day's sport, with the evening setting in, the whole party found themselves seven miles from a railway station, and only a few flies available. Then a score or so of us, I was half-way back to town, comfortably seated in the train.

A correspondent takes me to task this week on account of my remarks on the subject of coloured enamelled bicycles. He points out that they understand these things better in America, and tells me that he has himself seen an American bar enamelled in a bright colour beaten and battered without showing any signs of chipping. I know that American machines are very well finished in this respect; as a matter of fact, their enamelling is effected by a different process to our own. While on the topic of Yankee wheels, let me say that my correspondent is not correct in saying that no American production could find favour in my eyes. Whatever he may have seen elsewhere, I am sure he must not charge me with being biased. 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COMEDY.

To the many who are often compelled to undertake a dreary period of waiting before gaining admission to theatre, and have then to possess the souls in patience until the time arrives for the main attraction of the playbill, the curtain raiser is a thing of no little importance. It is to the pit and gallery who are often told and we must trust from the really influential critics things theatrical, and the fact that the first piece more attention is being paid by the managerial mind is doubtless a consequence of the quite legitimate demands that portion of the public which occupies the stalls and the dress-coat. They quite to be interested and amused by such as from 8 to 9 as from 11. Certainly their desires are amply met as the "Princess of Bricks" for not only does "My Friend the Prince" call forth one incessant stream of laughter and applause, a clever and amusing operetta, "Lady Lawyer," serves to stimulate and entertain before "My Friend the Prince" is introduced. The musical theatre is unpretentious in scope, but the composer, Mr. J. Ivimey, a melodious pen, and Mr. G. D. Lytton, has conceived an amusing situation. A smart and intelligent wife resigns her office, continuing her residence with her husband, who though her aid may be indeed briefless. She, on her part, accepts a brief for a broken-hearted youth, who seeks to recover damages for breach of promise, while in the Temple, the barrister, using the absence of his wife, to appear before the other side, the fair defendant, being an eminently winsome lady impersonated by Miss K. Adams. A little contretemps is put straight by confronting the parties in justice in the Temple's office, where it is pointed out, which testimony with the aid of the introduction of Mendelssohn's wedding March. Mr. Shallard as the broken-hearted youth, a very acceptable

very engaging and sprightly solicitor.

afforded by Mr. Robson as a dimi-
tive marine paired off with a lit-
tly lady's maid, acted with spirit by
Edith. But the play has a fine
and a pause, until at the end
answer to a call, Mr. Buchanan
"Mr. Marlowe" appeared, when
reception became, so to speak, mi-

OUR LOCAL THEATRE

Included amongst the fixtures for
week are the following:—Grand (is-
ton), "Duchess of Coolgarra"; Britan-
nic, "The Duke of Antioch" (ton-
night); Elephant and Castle, "The
Adventures of Miss Brown"; Park-
"For the Crown," with the Otto St-
and company; Pavilion, "Tommy
kins"; Standard, Mr. J. W. Turner
English opera, three (6th week) at
and Borough, Stratford, "Jack of He-
and "The New Baby" respectively,
last-named being presented by
Bourchier's company; Surrey, "A Day
of Ishmael"; Metropolitan, "The
Street," with Miss Mrs. Edmund
Mr. J. J. Dallas; Lyric (Hammers-
mith), "Under the Mask of Truth," with M-
O'Neill and Miss Essex Dane; West
on, "Cheer, Boys, Cheer!"; New
"Uncle Sam's Daughter"; Adelphi,
"Saint of St. Paul's"; Shakespeare,
"Royal Divorce"; and Kilburn, "a
market."

GRAND.

At last pantomime has had to give
to the "legitimate" at the popula-
rington playhouse, and the new ad-
venturer has been met with a success
with that drama of stirring incidents
fierce passions, "The Duchess of
gards," which had so successful a
at Drury Lane under Mr. J. Coleman
management.

These are provided, the pictures of
famous gold-mining district, and the
presentations of rough and ready ju-
being particularly effective, while
Coleman's company, one of the best
grounded. The heroine of this role
of the Australian gold-fields is now
by Miss Dorothy Dene, whose danc-
ence and sympathetic embodiment
grateful role win the entire approval

of the portrayal of the dark character of the villainous Captain by Mr. Charles

beautiful "Du bist wie eine Blume," Gounod's "O, ma lyrie immortelle," with sympathy and in "Fare thee good," coupled with Denba's "Morning" Malls. Ferdinand was roughly happy in her interpretation of these varied schools, and rendered in Italian, German, and French. Her concert, at which Ben Davies assisted, was under the patronage of Mr. Cavour. In every enjoyable was the third concert of the German Society. A particularly interesting feature being the quartet in (Op. 106) by Dvorak, which was splendidly played, Herr Karel Hoffman, the soloist, giving a particularly brilliant rendering of a quartet in D minor and the pianoforte quintet in F minor (Missa). Ben Davies as pianist were also accompanied with abundant skill and charm. A concert is fixed for to-morrow, and the public will be in no doubt as to the delight in the perfectly artistic and successful attend.

HALLS AND PALACE

Sandow continues a great attraction at the Pavilion. This monarch muscles now gives his performance accompanied by music he himself composed, including a "March de l'eta" and a waltz, "Sandonia." The morrow the strong man will feature "The Dumbbell" and the greatest American success, and repeat his astonishing bridge act for the first time since his recent accident and of the performance is 9.45. Mills, in "Le Danse" of the entertainment most pleasing to the patrons managed by Mr. Frank Glenister. The sixth annual Fisheries exhibition open at the Aquarium, is the largest most complete held there. The hundreds of rods of all kinds, and the possible growth of the angler in the direction, as the exhibition includes the elite of the trade. A excellent catalogue, which has been prepared by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Mason, shows there is no lack of interest in the general public in the array of boats almost empty, representing a variety

"blood-curdling" illusion, which will

through the new and handsome
in Charing Cross-road. Here we have
reproductions of Moorish work, fr
riels, and passelings, moorish wor
Alhambra, the Alhambra, the Alhamb
Seville and Granada. The suppo
the entrance canopy as well as th
full pieces of work, and the new
running under the theatre is also
with Moorish richness and
The scenery is so greatly va
viciously handsome Alhambra,
and themselves well worth seeing.

SOUTH LONDON

Sketches or stage plays are the
of the variety programmes to
south of the Thames, and this
ticularly true so far as the pro
gramme of the South London
is important, such as 2 which
are welcome, "The Court
God Save the Queen," worthy
its prominent position in the b
full of life, and, of course, is
with much enthusiasm just as it
hears the head of her
long reign. There is plenty of
sentiment which always finds ap
the heads of a South London
The first scene is laid at the er
the Comedians and E. C. Man
comedians as door-keeper, here
for his humour. Among those
admission as "deadheads" a
sentations of principal charac
several popular plays. The pic
picture of the ball-room—Griff
glitter, and gaiety. Griff, Gr
tingled, entertains the audience
amusing feasts. Then comes Th
she band-dancer, and, as may be
she obtains a glittering reception
gallery boys, who are all
concluded with dancing by a st
girls in costumes of all kinds,
before Elita Lane, attired as
sings in fine style Leslie Stua
Soldiers of the Queen, repr
representatives of the
Army, the Cape Mounted Rifles
cavalry, lifeline mat, and ad
last-named forming a guard

Roma, shows how a young wife storms her husband keeping late hours, sud-

the Palace columns are beautified by a subway adorned with statues to the pre-dominant are of the mainstay to be found in a present protest of the Bells; or, maintains him. It is received by the Majesty's that loyal approval at audience. entrance to the tower, the people score who gain representatives in comes a the crown with his marksmanship, evicted, from the group scene of and then, Britannia, The British sea, Indian sailors, of the house,

of the measure was moved by Sir F. Land.—In the course of the discus-

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D. Hart-
son Mr.

[illegible]

Dent, H. C.;
and West.

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THE VOLUNTEERS

At the Kennington quarters of the 8th Middlesex Artillery the annual concert was given by Sergt.-maj. Atwood presiding. The vocalists were Misses Venn and Goss and instrumental music, reed instruments, bagpipe-dance, &c. was provided, contributed to by Gunners Bowers, Barrett, Rodman, Harding, Briggs. Sergt.-major Levers, H.A., Band-sergeant John Smith, and Messrs. P. Desmond, J.C., E. Bowers, Humphrey, Bangie, and many others. Corp. Owtown was accompanist.

At the headquarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, under the patronage of Col. Sutherland-Hiers and the officers, a very fine concert was given at the School of Arms, gave the members of the school a most enjoyable day. The annual "assault" was carried out with play, and a programme of unusual excellence was provided, which included several

The prizes were last year by members of E. C. Co., late V.B. E. Surrey Regt., were distributed at the headquarters, and a complete list was given, at which Capt. A. E. Evans presided, and, with the exception of the "Victory" club, a good report was rendered in respect of 1896, the enrolled strength of the company being 107, all of whom were

At the Palace Restaurant, Eastches, the first concert of A. Co., 2d London, was given. The program was a very fine one. Rifles, took place, the large hall being placed at the disposal of the company by Mr. Thomas, the manager. Capt. S. J. Morris presided, and Col. -surg. Luck occupied the vice chair. An excellent orchestra was present, under the direction of Mr. W. Parry.

At the drill hall of the 4th V.B. Eastches, at Hackney, the members of the Regimental School of Arms gave their annual "assault" and gymnastic display under the direction of their commandant, Mr. W. H. G. Parry. The program was very fine, and the performance was well received by the audience.

The prizes were during 1808 by members of the 1st London Rifle Battalion. The prizes were distributed after the annual drill, which took place at the Drill Hall, Farringdon Road, London, on the 1st of June, 1808.

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The members of the Regimental School of Arms, in connection with the London Scottish Rifles, gave a most annual "assault" and gymnastic performance at the headquarters of the regiment, at the residence of Hon. Col. the Earl of Eglinton and the officers. The regimental band and pipers played during the assault, and the arrangements were

The crack shots of the Surrey T. C. team out in an efficient handicap match with M. Gore, Lieut. Bradford and Miles, here seen.

The crack shots of the Surrey T. C. team at Blaisey yesterday for the competition for club jewels and attire prize. At the trial Queen's Prize winners: Staff-sergt. Hows were returned as follows: Staff-sergt. Hows 35; Pte. C. 29; Staff-sergt. A. 33; Pte. Dark, 2nd E. Surrey, 31; Col.-sergt. Bishop, Surrey, 30; and Sergt. Smallbridge, Surrey, 30 points.

The Queen's Westminister Rifle team entered very strongly yesterday for the occasion being a very competitive places in the Queen's Prize team and the scores also counted.

at the London Tavern, Fenchurch street, was given, Capt. R. Vesey being chairman, Col. - vice-chairman, and Serjt. J. medical director.

led for nearly the whole of the distance, and although Weed ran pluckily he could not keep going right through, and Sudbham was h

10 yards. London then won the odd event, the Details.

100 yards Race.—W. N. Pilkington, Cambridge, 1st; H. C. Woodyard, London, 2d; F. L. L. Stephens, Cambridge, 3d; F. L. Stephens, Cambridge, 4th; C. E. H. Legg, London, 5th; W. J. M. Barry, London, 6th. The race was a close one, the first yard at half way, and maintaining the lead to the finish, won by inches. Same between second and third. Time, 10.4 sec.

100 yards Race.—W. J. M. Barry, London, 1st; C. E. H. Legg, London, 2d; 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212th, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312th, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412th, 413th, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th, 498th, 499th, 500th, 501st, 502nd, 503rd, 504th, 505th, 506th, 507th, 508th, 509th, 510th, 511st, 512th, 513th, 514th, 515th, 516th, 517th, 518th, 519th, 520th, 521st, 522nd, 523rd, 524th, 525th, 526th, 527th, 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, 532nd, 533rd, 534th, 535th, 536th, 537th, 538th, 539th, 540th, 541st, 542nd, 543rd, 544th, 545th, 546th, 547th, 548th, 549th, 550th, 551st, 552nd, 553rd, 554th, 555th, 556th, 557th, 558th, 559th, 560th, 561st, 562nd, 563rd, 564th, 565th, 566th, 567th, 568th, 569th, 570th, 571st, 572nd, 573rd, 574th, 575th, 576th, 577th, 578th, 579th, 580th, 581st, 582nd, 583rd, 584th, 585th, 586th, 587th, 588th, 589th, 590th, 591st, 592nd, 593rd, 594th, 595th, 596th, 597th, 598th, 599th, 600th, 601st, 602nd, 603rd, 604th, 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 609th, 610th, 611st, 612th, 613th, 614th, 615th, 616th, 617th, 618th, 619th, 620th, 621st, 622nd, 623rd, 624th, 625th, 626th, 627th, 628th, 629th, 630th, 631st, 632nd, 633rd, 634th, 635th, 636th, 637th, 638th, 639th, 640th, 641st, 642nd, 643rd, 644th, 645th, 646th, 647th, 648th, 649th, 650th, 651st, 652nd, 653rd, 654th, 655th, 656th, 657th, 658th, 659th, 660th, 661st, 662nd, 663rd, 664th, 665th, 666th, 667th, 668th, 669th, 670th, 671st,

3; J. T. McGaw, Cambridge 6. Bullock kept short but the throw was disqualified.
 4; J. H. Hardie Handcock.—W. M. Fletcher, London 1.
 5; W. G. Paget Tomlinson, Cambridge 2.
 6; H. N. Colhart, London, 4. Fletcher was in his favour by inches.
 7; J. H. Handcock, Cambridge 3. Fletcher was in his favour by inches.
 8; High Jump.—E. H. Chorlley, Cambridge 85 ft. 1; C. E. H. Leggart, London, and J. H. Handcock, Cambridge, for second; G. Winbach, Cambridge, 0.
 Quarter-Mile Race.—W. Pitt-Rivers, Cambridge, 1; A. G. Butler, London; 0; J. H. Handcock, Cambridge, 0.
 9; F. L. Stephenson, London, 0. Strophed for the first 300 yards when Fitcherby was in the front, and although closely pressed by Butler, he was not beaten. Jones was yards in the rear. Tikme, 5.
 Throwing the Hammer.—W. J. M. Barrow, London, 1; G. Robertson, London, 2; J. H. Handcock, Cambridge, 3.
 Three Miles Race.—C. S. Symonds, Cambridge, 1; J. H. Handcock, Cambridge, 2.

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YACHTING.

THE INTERNATIONAL REGATTA AT CANNES.

A Boston's telegram from Cannes, dated March 15, says:—"Owing to the extreme weather, the regatta at Cannes, which was to have been held on the 14th, it was found impossible to hold the races, which there were 3 on the programme. The prizes offered for the big yachts, and the small class matches were postponed. Only start made was in the race for the Trophée de la Coupe, for yachts over 3 tons not exceeding 20 tons. The race started at 11.15 a.m. Only 3 yachts made any attempt to get round the course, the Saint-Victor (M. de la Roche), the Saint-Charles (M. de la Roche), and Malgrot Tour, 19.97 tons (M. de la Roche). The first named yacht was the winner, and the Saint-Charles and Tour soon gave up. Saint Martin attempted to continue, but, as the gale increased, was compelled to follow. Malgrot Tour's engine broke down, and she was obliged to withdraw. A protest which was lodged against the winner in the race for yachts not exceeding 1 ton yesterday has not been maintained."

CYCLING.
OTCYLING AT OLYMPIA.
Racing was continued at this building.
Results:—
One Lap v. Time (Indies).—Mlle. Eugénie de Montbrun, and Mlle. Pallardo tied for first place.
Two miles Tactum Race.—Barnett and Clark beat Watson and Watson by a yard.
Seven Lap Race (Indies).—Mlle. Marguerite, 1; Mlle. Pallardo, 2; Mlle. Devine, 3; Mlle. de Montbrun, 4.
Twelve Laps Handicap.—F. Fulford, 1; P. Whetlock, 40 yards; 2; G. A. Nelson, 3.
Triple Pursuit Race.—Graham's Team beat Mack's team at a mile and a quarter.
The Mile International Race, J. Campbell, London, 1; M. de Montbrun, 2; C. Smith, Holland, 3. Won by a yard.
Cento, France, rode a mile without time.
One Mile Race (Indies).—Mlle. Eugénie, Mlle. Solange, 2; Mlle. Brandy Watson, 3.
Triple Pursuit Race.—Watson's team beat Mack's team at 2 miles.

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CLUB CONCERT.
METROPOLITAN RAILWAY F.C.
This club gave a Bohemian concert at the Concert Hall last evening. Mr. E. Boston Bourke was chairman, and there was large attendance. Among those who assisted at the entertainment were Miss H. Halsam, Miss Nellie Gossard, Messrs. H. Fowler, W. Stokes, and A. Johnson.

TENNIS.
PRINCE'S CLUB HANDICAPS.
The draws for these events resulted as follows:
Class A: G. Farrer, 4-10; H. W. Stodd, 8-Lord Curzon, 4-15 for 1 bio; H. C. O. Williams, 6-15 for 1 bio; J. B. S. Parnell, 7-15 for 1 bio; Major James (4-30 and 1 bio); T. K. Ashworth (15) v. Hon. V. W. Yorke (4-15 for 1 bio); Hon. C. D. de Grey (4-15 for 1 bio) v. W. Renshaw (4-15 for 1 bio) v. Sir F. A. Ley-Corbett, Bart. (4-15 for 1 bio). E. F. H. Jenner (4-30) v. Hon. C. D. de Grey (4-15 for 1 bio).
H. Jenner (30) v. G. Kemp (4-15 for 1 bio) v. Baron E. d'Alanger (15); G. E. A. Birch (scratch) v. G. F. D. Winchester (4-15 for 1 bio); G. F. D. Winchester (4-15 for 1 bio) v. C. H. Henderson (15) v. Hon. C. D. de Grey (4-15 for 1 bio).

longevity (1-30); W. C. Brownbaugh (vii),
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Clausen B. J. R. Davidson (1-15); A. C. Foster
and (15), Capt. J. H. Dufton (15); A. G. Row (1-
L. E. Webster (Q.C., M.P., 15) had by
C. R. Cowley (15 v. St. John Coventry
(scarcely); Lord Willoughby D'Ersey (by
for I his) v. St. C. Stobart (scarcely); A.
Webster (15 v. G. A. Hansell (16). T. Mac
land (15) G. M. Dagnall (1-30). T. Thomas
(1-30); C. D. Rance (scarcely); G. C. Banham
(1-30) and W. Wynyard Cooper (1-30) and by

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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT PRESENTED AT THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON 14th March, 1937.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 64,241 amounting to £8,507,420 and produced a gross income of £8,507,420. A New York Branch was opened in 1936. The Premiums received during the year amounted to £1,259,344. The losses were £1,259,344.

The claims of the year amounted to £250,000. The number of claims was 4,555 and £250,000. The amount of claims was £250,000. The amount of claims was £250,000.

INSURANCE BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £4,578,735. The losses were £4,578,735.

The number of claims was 103,550 and the amount of claims was £103,550.

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